

Interagency Council on Affordable Housing

In June 2012, an Interagency Council on Affordable Housing was established in Connecticut. **The purpose of the Council is to advise and assist in the planning and implementation of the new Connecticut Department of Housing.** The legislation is the result of Governor Malloy's proposal to consolidate state housing programs into one organization that is intended to support three main goals:

- (1) To be more consumer-friendly and easier to navigate for potential and existing clients.
- (2) To enhance the state's productivity and ensure a comprehensive approach to housing initiatives.
- (3) To provide an effective structure to bring the state's housing agenda to the forefront.

As discussed at the August Council meeting, we propose a comprehensive system that:

- Is focused on fully developed solutions and outcomes;
- Brings together all of the available resources;
- Is predictable;
- Is transparent and aligned in policy priorities;
- Meets the housing needs of the community and serves the people with those needs;
and
- Is positioned to be a partner with other agencies and with community interests

For purposes of this September meeting:

To receive input from outside housing experts on a vision for the new Department of Housing, including its purpose, principles, goals, population served and a framework for services to be provided by the new department.